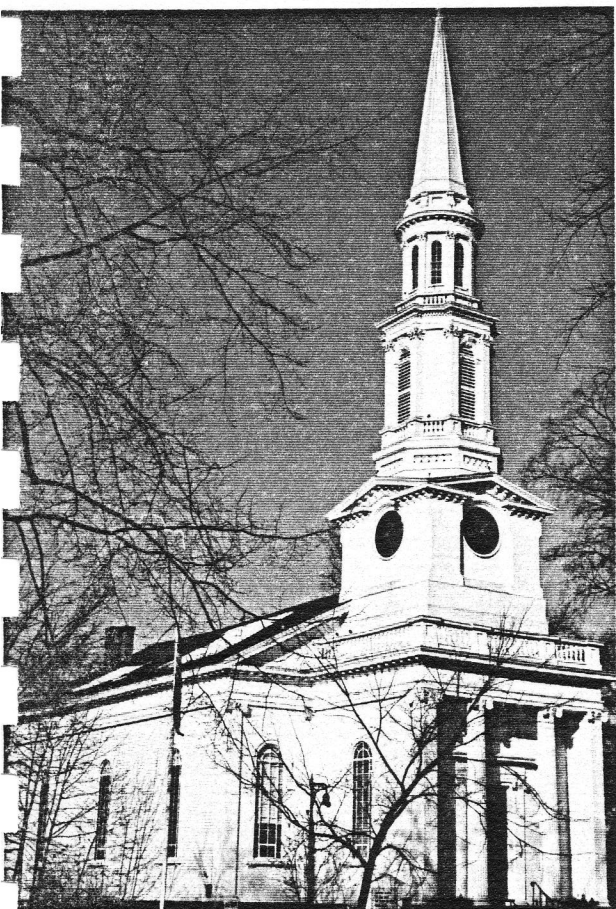


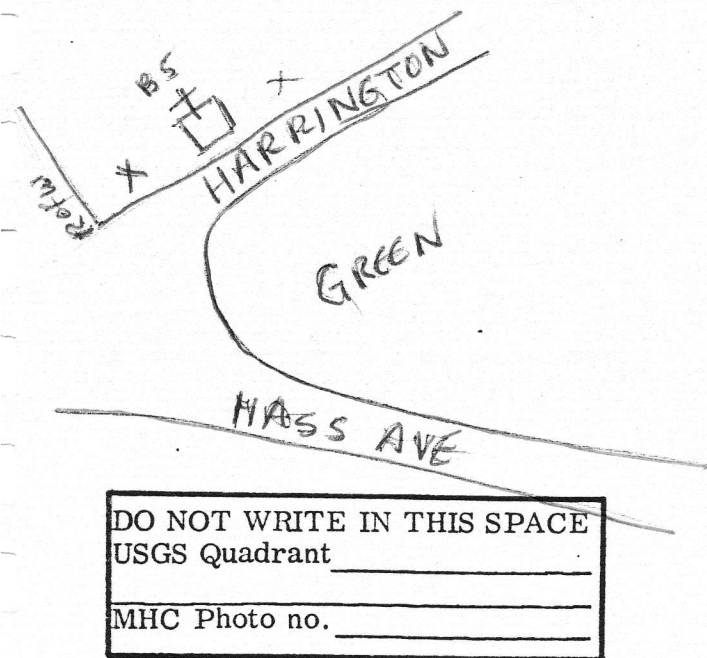
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1. Town Lexington

Address 7 Harrington Rd.

Name First Parish U.U. Church

Present use Church

Present owner First Parish U.U. Church

3. Description:

Date 1847

Source Plaque on building

Style Greek Revival

Architect Isaac Melvin

Exterior wall fabric Flush board

Outbuildings (describe) Granite block foundation steeple-three parts:clock

Other features bell, peak  
Rounded arch windows Ionic corner boards  
Front portico - 4 Ionic columns -engaged  
columns flank door .Porte cochere on  
right

Altered Vestry added Date 1871

Moved Vestry enlarged, porte cochere Date 1908

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 60'

Approximate distance of building from street  
13'

6. Recorded by Ruth Beebe

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7. Original owner (if known) First Parish Unitarian of Lexington

Original use Church

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	<u>x</u>
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This building replaced Lexington's 3rd. meeting house which had started on the green. Remodeling by Isaac Melvin of the older meeting house had been substantially completed by Dec. 1846, when that building burned to the ground. The present church, also by Melvin, replaced the earlier structure.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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